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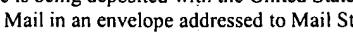
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Sir:

PETITION FOR CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENT
UNDER 37 CFR § 1.312(b) AFTER PAYMENT OF ISSUE FEE

A Notice of Allowance issued on August 11, 2004 in the above-referenced patent application with a note that the drawings filed on February 7, 2001 were accepted by the Examiner. The issued Fee was paid November 11, 2004. On January 6, 2005, a Post-Allowance Office Action issued, inviting the undersigned to submit an amendment deleting charts from the specification and new Drawings 16-21 incorporating the deleted charts.

The Amendment is necessary because the Application does not comply with 37 C.F.R. § 1.58(a). The Amendment was not presented earlier because the Undersigned did not become aware that the Specification did not comply with 37 C.F.R. § 1.58(a) until receipt of the 1/6/05 Office Action (i.e., after payment of the Issue Fee was made).

In light of the above remarks, Applicant respectfully requests that the Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312(b) submitted herewith be considered and entered.

A check in the amount of \$130.00 covering the Petition fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed. Please charge any additional fees that may apply, or credit any overpayments, to our Deposit Account No. 03-1721.

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